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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 236184 ACTION SENT TO LONDON INFO
CANBERRA SECSTATE DATED 10/26/74.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 236184

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, SF, PFOR

SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL APPROACH AGAINST EXPULSION OF SOUTH
AFRICA FROM UN

REF: CANBERRA 7007

1. CHARGE SHOULD CONSULT ON URGENT BASIS WITH FOREIGN
OFFICE, POINTING OUT OUR CONCERN THAT FAILURE SO FAR TO
PERSUADE AUSTRALIANS TO ABSTAIN ON EXPULSION OF SOUTH
AFRICA FROM UN AND SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF GA'S
INTENTION TO SUPPORT EXPULSION HAS SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED
OUR JOINT EFFORTS TO BLOCK SOUTH AFRICA'S EXPULSION OR
SUSPENSION FROM UN BY OBTAINING SEVEN ABSTENTIONS.
AUSTRALIA'S UNHELPFUL RESPONSE AND HER PARTICULARLY
DAMAGING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT
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FOR PERU AND INDONESIA TO CONSIDER ABSTENTION. NON-

ALIGNED CAN USE AUSTRALIAN ANNOUNCEMENT TO ADD TO PRESSURES ON THESE STATES, TELLING EACH THAT IT WILL BE BLAMED FOR PROVIDING KEY SEVENTH ABSTENTION.

2. CHARGE SHOULD SEEK UK CONCURRENCE IN SENDING INSTRUCTION TO THEIR AMBASSADOR IN CANBERRA TO MAKE PARALLEL DEMARCHE WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN WHICH FOLLOWING POINTS WOULD BE MADE:

A. US AND UK DISAPPOINTED IN NEGATIVE RESPONSE BY

GOA TO REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION IN DEFENSE OF IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR UN AS INSTITUTION.

B. THIS RESPONSE, ACCOMPANIED BY PUBLIC STATEMENT OF GOA'S INTENTIONS AT TIME WHEN AFRICANS THEMSELVES HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHAT RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE, HAS CONSIDERABLY COMPLICATED US/UK EFFORT.

C. US AND UK AMBASSADORS URGENTLY REQUEST THAT GOA RECONSIDER ARGUMENTS IN LETTERS FROM SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND CALLAGHAN. AUSTRALIA COULD USE OCCASION OF SOUTH AFRICAN PERMREP'S SPEECH AND REPORTED KENYAN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ADVOCATING "SERIOUS WARNING" TO SOUTH AFRICA TO REVIEW GOA POSITION AND DEFEND CHANGE BY ARGUING THAT SOUTH AFRICAN PLEDGES WARRANT AT LEAST A PERIOD OF TESTING.

3. FYI. WE DOUBT WHETHER THIS EFFORT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL BUT WISH TO MAKE IT, AT VERY LEAST, TO DEMONSTRATE STRENGTH OF OUR VIEWS. END FYI.
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